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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE ELECTION CAMPAIGN: KIEN GIANG

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1. CAMPAIGN BEGAN OCTOBER 12 IN KIEN GIANG WITH JOINT APPEARANCE BEFORE 400 PERSONS BY ALMOST ALL 18 CANDIDATES. EACH CANDIDATE GAVE TEN-MINUTE SPEECH. MOST MADE GENERAL PROMISES TO ASSIST REFUGEES, PRESS FOR LAND REFORM, OPEN MORE SCHOOLS, IMPROVE ROADS, PROTECT

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NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, ELIMINATE CORRUPTION AND "SERVE THE PEOPLE".

2. AT SEVEN CANDIDATES MADE PEACE APPEALS, FOUR SPEAKING

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OF A "JUST AND HONORABLE PEACE". NOTHING WAS SAID ABOUT TIME TABLE. ONLY SPECIFIC MEASURE WAS PROPOSED BY NGUYEN TAN TRUNG WHO SAID HE WOULD ASK FOR UN HELP. TRUNG'S CAMPAIGN LEAFLET CARRIES SYMBOL OF DOVE CARRYING LETTER TO UN.

ANOTHER MILITANT NOTE STRUCK BY DANH VAN PHUNG WHO SAID PEOPLE MUST RALLY BEHIND GVN TO DEFEAT VIET CONG.

AUDIENCE POLITE BUT SHOWED MOST INTEREST IN PROMISES TO HELP THE PEOPLE. INTEREST RAN HIGH WHEN FORMER PROVINCE CHIEF NGUYEN QUANG QUE WAS ACCUSED FROM THE FLOOR OF NOT DOING ANYTHING WHEN HE WAS IN OFFICE. ANOTHER ISSUE RAISED WHEN RETIRED CAO DAI GENERAL NGUYEN THANH PHUONG WAS ACCUSED OF WANTING TO HELP ONLY MEMBERS OF CAO DAI RELIGION. HE DEFENDED HIMSELF, SAYING HE PLEDGED HE WOULD HELP ALL PEOPLE EQUALLY. REPLY BROUGHT AUDIENCE APPROVAL.

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